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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Add the following new claims:

--29. A method of treating and bleaching chemical cellulose pulp produced by alkaline delignification and having a kappa number under 24, having hexenuronic acid therein, comprising the steps of:

(a) treating chemical cellulose pulp produced by alkaline delignification having a kappa number under 24 and at a solids consistency between 0.1-50% by treating the pulp at a temperature over 85°C and at a pH between about 2-5 for sufficient time to remove at least about 50% of the hexenuronic acid and to decrease the kappa number of the pulp by at least 2 units; and

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